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SUBJECT: COREDIF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROJECT

REF: BRUSSELS 4227

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL IS AS
FOLLOWS: THE COREDIF DIFFUSION ENRICHMENT PLANT IS
PLANNED AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE EURODIF PLANT BEING BUILT
AT THE TRICASTIN CENTER IN FRANCE. IT WOULD BECOME
OPERATIONAL ABOUT 1984-85 AND THE PLANNED CAPACITY IS
ABOUT 5 MILLION SWU, ALTHOUGH THIS COULD BE EXTENDED
CONSIDERABLY, AND PERHAPS DOUBLED DEPENDING UPON THE
DEMAND. THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT WAS
REACHED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. COREDIF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS
ARE: 51 PERCENT EURODIF, 29 PERCENT COGEMA, 20 PERCENT
IRANIAN AEC. EURODIF IN TURN IS OWNED BY COGEMA (28
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PERCENT), SOFIDIF (25 PERCENT), IN WHICH COGEMA HAS
60 PERCENT AND THE IRANIAN AEC 40 PERCENT INTERESTS,
BELGIAN SOBEN (11 PERCENT), ITALIAN CNEN AND AGIP
(25 PERCENT), AND SPANISH ENUSA (11 PERCENT). THUS THE
FRENCH HAVE THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF ABOUT 51 PERCENT
AND THE BELGIAN INTEREST IS ABOUT 5.5 PERCENT.

2. IN ANSWER TO PARIS EMBASSY ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE'S QUERY, COGNIZANT COGEMA OFFICIAL INDICATED DECISION ON COREDIF SITE HAS NOT BEEN MADE AND IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE AT LEAST ONE MONTH. HE REPORTED THAT SIX SITES, INCLUDING 3 IN FRANCE, 2 IN ITALY, AND 1 IN BELGIUM, REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND NO FINAL JUDGMENT ON THESE HAS BEEN MADE. ALL SITES REMAINING IN THE RUNNING ARE CONSIDERED VERY GOOD AND NOT VERY DIFFERENT IN TECHNICAL SUITABILITY, AND THE FINAL DECISION IS EXPECTED TO DEPEND PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS.

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